



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Order 96-6-1

SERVED: June 7, 1996

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 3rd day of June, 1996

Essential air service at

**FORT LEONARD WOOD,  
MISSOURI**

**Dockets OST-96-1167  
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under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

**ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION**

**Background**

On February 5, 1996, Trans States Airlines, d/b/a Trans World Express (Trans States), filed a 90-day notice of intent to terminate its subsidized air service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, effective May 5, 1996. By Order 96-4-8, April 4, 1996, the Department prohibited Trans States from suspending service at Fort Leonard Wood for 30 days beyond the end of its 90-day notice period, through June 3, 1996, and requested proposals, with subsidy requests if necessary, from carriers interested in providing essential air service at Fort Leonard Wood.

In response to our request, we received a proposal from Lone Star Airlines to provide subsidized service at Fort Leonard Wood. We are currently in the process of negotiating a subsidy rate with Lone Star; however, the case will not be completed before the end of the current 30-day hold-in period. Therefore, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Trans States' service obligation at Fort Leonard Wood for an additional 30 days, through July 3, 1996, or until replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR Part 385.

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We require Trans States Airlines, Inc., d/b/a Trans World Express, to maintain essential air service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as set forth in Appendix C of Order 96-4-8, for an additional 30-day period through July 3, 1996, or until a carrier capable of providing reliable replacement service actually begins service, whichever occurs first;<sup>1</sup>
2. We direct Trans States Airlines, Inc., d/b/a Trans World Express, to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support claims for payment and to

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Trans States' service obligation for successive 30-day periods as necessary until replacement service actually begins.

preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits the audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order; and

3. We will serve a copy of this order on the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Fort Leonard Wood, the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, the Governor of Missouri, and Trans States Airlines.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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